comments on the observation pertaining to them which include re-emergence of problem villages and shortcomings in critical parameters of adequacy, regularity, quality, distance of source of water, etc.

Rural Development Technologies

1599. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an eminent nuclear scientist has called for "technology foresight" for selecting the critical technologies for development with a national perspective giving the first place for rural development related technologies a high priority;

(b) if so, the steps that are being considered for rural development technologies;

(c) whether any measures in this regard have been worked out; and

(d) if so, to what extent this technology is likely to help develop rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Utilisation of PMGSY funds by States

1600. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount utilised by each State for the last three years under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) what is the mechanism to monitor the operation of the programme;

(c) the details of the instructions given to the implementing authority with regard to tendering and monitoring mechanism to carry out the mechanism in time;

(d) whether Government have received complaints from the States regarding this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?